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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

NEW PROBABLE DESTROYER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NIKOLAYEV, USSR

A new probable destroyer was under construction on the open building-way (reporting position 11) at Nikolayev Shipyard Northern 61 Kommuna 445 [redacted] This ship will be assigned the NPIC Interim Designator 445E. This vessel, first observed under construction [redacted] has four probable uptake openings in the deck, similiar to a KASHIN-class destroyer. The beam of the new probable destroyer is [redacted] and the unfinished length, approximately 140 meters. An elongated antenna platform is atop a pyramidal mast forward of the two aft probable uptake openings. This platform differs from the circular one found on a KASHIN. No other masts were on the vessel.

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In the bow area, there are two openings in the deck that could accommodate magazines. The armament to be mounted in the bow area cannot be determined. The compartmentation and the plating in the stern area are different from those usually associated with a 76mm gun mount or an aft SAM magazine, both found on standard or modified KASHIN-class destroyers.

A stern section for a second unit of the 445E is at the head of the buildingway in front of the first unit.

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